

As the aged mother of an adult mentally challenged daughter, I am adding my plea to those asking for more time to get this program into operation. My daughter didn't receive her materials until after December 1 and has yet to meet with the agency which assists her in her life to choose a company, fill out the forms, etc. Her needs were being met under the current plan and I urge you and others working with you to delay implementation of the changes proposed by Governor Branstad to "ram" this program through. I understand all the companies chosen by him have suits pending against them, which gives one pause. It is reminiscent of his plans to choose two of the four homes serving Iowans with mental health problems, including the only one which served those with both mental problems and drug addiction. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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